

## Local Rule 5-10 – Non-Electronic Filings

**(a) When Completed.** A paper or other item that is not required to be filed electronically is deemed filed:

(1) upon delivery in person, by courier, or via U.S. Mail or other mail delivery service to the clerk's office during business hours;

(2) when the courtroom deputy clerk accepts it, if the paper or item is filed in open court; or

(3) upon completion of any other manner of filing that the court authorizes.

**(b) Return of File-Stamped Copies.** To receive a file-stamped copy of a paper filed directly with the clerk, a party must include with the original paper an additional copy and a self-addressed envelope. The envelope must be big enough to hold the copy and have enough postage on it to send the copy via regular first-class mail.

**(c) Form of Orders.** A party must include a suitable form of order with any paper that requires the judge or the clerk to enter a routine or uncontested order.

**(d) Form of Notices.** If a party files a paper directly with the clerk that requires the clerk to give others notice, the party must provide the clerk with sufficient copies of the notice and the names and addresses of each person who is to receive the notice.

**(e) Faxed Papers.** The clerk may not file a faxed paper without court authorization. The court may not authorize the clerk to file faxed papers without finding that compelling circumstances justify it. A party must submit a copy of the paper that otherwise complies with this rule to replace the faxed copy within seven days after faxing the paper.

**(f) Notice by Publication.** The clerk must send notices required to be published to the party originating the notice. The party must deliver the notice to the appropriate newspapers for publication.

**(g) Signature.** The court will strike any paper filed directly with the clerk that is not signed by an attorney of record or the *pro se* litigant filing it, but the court may do so only after giving the attorney or *pro se* litigant notice of the omission and reasonable time to correct it. Rubber-stamp or facsimile signatures are not original signatures and the court will deem papers containing them to be unsigned for purposes of Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 and 26(g) and this rule.

Note: Effective January 1, 2012, provisions formerly contained in Local Rule 5.1(b) become Local Rule 5-10.